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Norfolk Chapter of ANSO to hold First Meeting

By Commander Second Fleet Public Affairs

NORFOLK Va. – The Association of Naval Service Officers (ANSO) is starting a Norfolk chapter and is inviting anyone interested in joining or learning more about the organization to meet Monday, March 27 at 1030 in the Sea Lounge next to Starbucks in building C-9 on Naval Station Norfolk.

“Anyone interested in giving back to their community by encouraging and mentoring our youth to stay in school and finish their education, or would like to discuss topics related to increasing their own professional development, are encouraged to attend,” said Capt. William Morales, ANSO National Chapter, treasurer, and the Director of Requirements, Policy and Experimentation for Commander Second Fleet.

The primary goal of ANSO, established by former Secretary of the Navy, Edward Hidalgo in 1980, was to actively support the sea services in the recruitment, mentoring, career development, and retention of Hispanic officers. The organization contributes significantly to strengthening overall diversity efforts and includes membership by active duty, reserve, retired officers and enlisted, as well as civilian employees of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine.

“ANSO was created with the purpose, at the time, to identify Hispanic youth eligible for careers in the Naval Service, while also shedding light on the great opportunities,

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advanced education, and personal growth available while serving our nation” said Captain Morales. “Overtime ANSO has helped promote diversity and positive human relations for all our service members and the numerous lives we have affected. We’d like to bring this positive organization and it’s success to Norfolk.”

In addition to the first local chapter in March, ANSO will host their 26th annual professional development and training symposium at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Great Neck, N.Y., on April 4-8.

The symposium will include educational and training development sessions, mentoring opportunities, and senior service leadership presentations focused on this year’s theme, “Strong and Colorful Threads in the American Fabric.” The symposium is open to all personnel and maximum participation is strongly encouraged by Senior Navy leadership. Commands are authorized to use available temporary additional duty funds to sponsor attendance and use of government transportation is encouraged. Limited funding is also available for junior personnel through the Diversity Directorate. If interested, please contact Lt. Stephanie Miller by phone at (703) 695-9232, DSN 225 or via e-mail at stephanie.p.miller@navy.mil.

Anyone interested in additional information on the Norfolk chapter of ANSO can contact Capt. William Morales by calling (757) 443-9850 or sending an email to moralesw@secondflt.navy.mil

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